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JEDDAH.

Report by Consul Jago on the Trade and Commerce of Jeddah for the Year 1886.

DURING the year 1886 42,374 pilgrims arrived at Jeddah, the average for the last 20 years being 36,801 The nationality of the pilgrims of 1886 was as follows:— Pilgrim traffic.

British Indians	9,479
Egyptians	8,385
Moors, Algerines, &c.	5,743
Javanese	5,412
Turks and Syrians	5,186
Arabs	1,966
Persians	1,665
Yemenis	1,487
Soudanese	812
Arrived by coasters, nationality unknown	2,239
Total	42,374

British steamers brought 53 per cent. of the total number against 41 per cent. last year, and carried away 62 per cent. against 56 per cent. last year. Proportion brought by British flag.

SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION.

There was an increase of 23 British steamers over last year of 29,387 tons register. Shipping.

RETURN of all Shipping at the Port of Jeddah in the Year 1885.

ENTERED.

Nationality.	Sailing.		Steam.		Total.	
	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.
British	4	3,459	109	132,663	113	136,122
Turkish	716	26,218	5	1,990	721	28,208
Egyptian	62	4,327	59	37,614	121	41,941
Austrian	...	...	43	47,009	43	47,009
Other flags	2	183	40	64,317	42	64,500
Total	784	34,187	256	283,593	1,040	317,780
,, for the year preceding ...	...	...	...	...	1,295	293,804

The return of vessels which cleared is not given, as it is the same the as above.

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Exports.

RETURN of Principal Articles of Export from Jeddah during the Years 1886–85.

Articles.	1886.		1885.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Gum	Unknown.	30,000	Unknown.	19,000
Mother-of-pearl shells		32,500		42,000
Goat skins		40,000		18,000
Sheep		14,000		10,000
Cow hides		1,500		1,500
Tortoise shell		900		800
Senna leaves		600		500
Total	..	119,500	..	86,800

Import trade.

It is not possible to give statistics, the custom-house declining to furnish any information, and the Arab and Indian merchants, who hold the entire trade in their hands, being chary of giving details which they imagine might injure them.

Two-thirds of the entire import trade into Jeddah come from Great Britain and British India, including cereals and breadstuffs. Flour from Bombay has become of late an important article of importation, and in consequence the operations of a large steam flour mill, just erected by a Stamboul official, have been seriously interfered with.

General remarks.

The trade of Jeddah is said to be diminishing consequent on the re-export trade in foreign manufactures with Suakim and Massowah being stopped, the latter caused by the authorities at the latter port now levying duty on goods which have already paid import duty here. Much—indeed, everything now—depends on the pilgrim season, which this year was good, so a little animation was visible.

The Maria Theresa dollar, the current coin of Jeddah and the Red Sea generally, having been subjected to great fluctuation in value, varying between $6\frac{1}{4}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ per £ sterling, caused loss to merchants and paralysed trade to some extent.

Jeddah, January 6, 1887.

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